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In re Application of  
DAVID KIRK RODHAM ET AL. :  
U.S. Appl. No.: 09/890,403 :  
PCT No.: PCT/GB99/04345 :  
Int. Filing Date: 22 December 1999 :  
Priority Date: 01 February 1999 :  
Agent's File Reference: 109846-279 :  
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR REDUCING  
SLIP AFTER CHANGING A FLYING REEL :

NOTIFICATION

This Notification is in response to the status request filed 31 January 2003 and the response to the "NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)" (Form PCT/DO/EO/905 mailed 22 August 2001) filed 07 November 2001.

### BACKGROUND

On 31 July 2001 applicants filed U.S. application 09/890,403 as a national stage entry of international application PCT/GB99/04345. An oath or declaration was not included.

On 22 August 2001, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a "NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)" (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) informing applicant that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.4979(a) and (b) and a surcharge pursuant to 37 CFR 1.492(e) were due to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371.

On 07 November 2001, applicants filed via facsimile, *inter alia*, a declaration, surcharge and a petition for extension of time.

### DISCUSSION

A review of the application file reveals that the declaration filed on 07 November 2001 is defective in that the country of citizenship is not clearly identified. "British subject" is not

sufficient to identify the country of citizenship as required under 37 CFR 1.497(a).

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, applicants are hereby accorded ONE (1) MONTH from the mailing date of this Notification to file an oath or declaration specifying the country of citizenship of the inventors. The one month time limit is non-extendable. If a response to this Notification is not filed within the one month time limit set above, the application will be abandoned.

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Washington, D.C. 20231, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the PCT Legal Office.



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